

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 28, 2019 through June 2, 2019.

THURSDAY

5/30/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entries, scratches and changes. It was extremely difficult to fill the racing programs this week. The Friday card was drawn at around 2:00pm; the Saturday card filled around 5:00pm, and the Sunday card filled around dinner time- 6:45pm. Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his crew did an outstanding job to get the cards together. Ward will be writing minutes this coming week.

FRIDAY

5/31/2019

(1) CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Official Veterinarian Gary Beck will be off on a well-earned sabbatical for the next two weeks. His position will be filled by Dr. Nolton Pattio, who is well experienced in the post.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race- #5 Charming Weekend (Vet- injured) refund of \$214.00
3rd race- #6 Ron's Answer (Vet-sick) refund of \$53.00
4th race- #3 Achieved (Vet-unsound) refund of \$2,206.00
5th race- #4 Whiskeys Quicker (Vet-injured) refund of \$179.00
6th race- #4Caerus (Entered back) refund of \$113.00
7th race- #4 PF Por Los Aires (Entered back) refund of \$173.00

(3) RULINGS

RULING # 133

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 26, 2019.

RULING # 134

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 26, 2019.

These rulings were issued as neither rider availed themselves of the opportunity to defend their actions with respect to "crop" violations".

(4) RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Francisco Orduna-Rojas was replaced in the second race as he did not arrive in time to fulfill his engagement. Efrain Hernandez picked up the open mount.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as #3 Baba Be Gone was unsound in the left foreleg during the warm up period and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$6,854.00.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review an incident after the start involving numbers 6, 5, and 3- the third, fifth and sixth place finishers, respectively. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. While there was some light contact after the break, which could be attributed to number six, the incident had no effect on the original order of finish.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #5 Cowgirl Boots threw a wingding in the starting gate, injuring herself in the process, and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The rider, Ruben Lozano, was not impacted by the filly's antics. The refund amounted to \$17,774.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	466	On Track Handle:	\$73,477.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,742</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$352,301.90
Total:	2,208	Out of State:	<u>\$634,780.15</u>
		Total:	\$1,060,559.65

SATURDAY

6/01/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1ST race- #1 Swiss Empress (Vet-injured) refund of \$227.00
#2 I B Buzzin (Vet-sick) refund of \$310.00
3rd race- #1 Staythirstymyamigo (Vet-sick) refund of \$233.30

(2) RULING

RULING # 135

JOCKEY FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 31, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Orduna-Rojas did not have a reasonable explanation for failure to honor his commitment in the second race last evening.

(3) FORMAL HEARING INTO APPEAL OF FINANCIAL COMPLAINT

A hearing was held into the appeal of Jockey John Jude from the ruling of the Stewards at Santa Anita which awarded trainer Walther Solis \$760.00 for training fees on the horse he purchased from the trainer. Mr. Jude acknowledged that he owed Mr. Solis something for the care of the horse, but disputed the amount. After both sides had the opportunity to vent their frustrations, the matter was settled for a total of \$500 due from Mr. Jude, at \$100.00 per month.

(4) RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was replaced in the sixth race as he could not get in the limit of seven pounds over his assigned weight of 124 lbs. He was replaced by Jockey Jairo Rangel, who was one pound overweight.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	636	On Track Handle:	\$389,841.80
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,766</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$243,065.10
Total:	2,402	Out of State:	<u>\$796,903.15</u>
		Total:	\$1,429,810.05

SUNDAY

6/02/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #5 Gabby Lady (Vet-injured) refund of \$351.00
2nd race- #1 Wild Cat Canyon (Vet-sick) refund of \$288.00
4th race- #5 R Valiant Hero (Vet-sick) refund of \$206.00

(2) RIDERS REPLACED

Jockey Edgar Orozco was replaced on his mount in the third race as he could not arrive in time to fulfill his engagement. Jockey Carlos Huerta was replaced in the sixth race as he called in and reported that he was ill. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING

RULING # 136

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR., HAVING PARTICIPATED IN A DESIGNATED RACE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION (IN) WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION, SHALL SERVE ONE ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY (JUNE 8, 2019) IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #129, DATED MAY 25, 2019.

This ruling was issued after we received confirmation that the rider rode in a Futurity final in Indiana. It was worth the extra day as he ended up the winner.

(4) RULING

RULING # 137

JOCKEY LUIS SANDOVAL RAMIREZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 1, 2019.

The preceding ruling was issued as the rider did not appear to defend his actions with respect to "crop" usage.

(5) RULING

RULING # 138

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK ON JUNE 1, 2019.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Arvizu, after attempting to reduce, could not get within the seven pound maximum over weight.

(6) RULING

RULING #139

FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE- MARIJUANA AND AMPHETAMINE POSITIVES) AND #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND- DRUG PARAPHERNALIA), EXERCISE RIDER MARTIN RUVALCABA IS ORDERED TO

ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE WINNERS' FOUNDATION AND ABIDE BY ITS TERMS. SAID CONTRACT MUST INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF 60 DAYS AT AN IN-HOUSE REHABILITATION APPROVED BY THE WINNERS' FOUNDATION. FURTHERMORE, MR. RUVALCABA IS REQUIRED TO BE ON A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE FOR HOWEVER LONG HE HOLDS A LICENSE.

This ruling was issued after discussions with Darin Scharer of Winners' Foundation as to the best course of treatment for the gentleman.

(7) LATE REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #6 "Cotton Cartel" injured herself when she became rambunctious approaching the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$19,214.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	483	On Track Handle:	\$70,656.70
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,751</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$323,414.40
Total:	2,234	Out of State:	<u>\$834,751.45</u>
		Total:	\$1,228,822.55

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 2, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 6 for injury, 5 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2019**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 5/31	SAT 6/01	SUN 6/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	3	2	5	120
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	19
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	34
REFUNDS		A			8	2	4	14	204
RULINGS			Y		2	1	4	7	139
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	27

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)